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E.O. 12065 GDS 2/21/85 (QUANTON, A.C.E.)

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SUBJECT: UN CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION AND PUNISHMENT
OF CRIMES AGAINST INTERNATIONALLY PROTECTED PERSONS,
INCLUDING DIPLOMATIC AGENTS (IPP)

REF: KATHMANDU 948

1. (CONFIDENTIAL -- ENTIRE TEXT)

2. REFTTEL INDICATES GON STRONGLY CONDEMNS THE MURDER OF
AMBASSADOR DUBS AND ACTS OF TERRORISM AGAINST DIPLOMATIC
OFFICIALS IN GENERAL. WHILE NEPAL RECENTLY ADHERED
TO THE TOKYO, HAGUE AND MONTREAL CONVENTIONS ON AIR
SECURITY, DEPARTMENT RECORDS INDICATE THAT GON DID NOT
SIGN AND HAS NOT ADHERED TO THE SUBJECT UN CONVENTION
(IPP).

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3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO APPROACH GON AND URGE

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THEIR ACCESSION TO THE IPP. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO DRAW ON FOLLOWING INFORMATION. (DEPARTMENT IS ALSO POUCHING TEXT OF CONVENTION.)

4. THE UNITED STATES IS STRONGLY COMMITTED TO

DEVELOPING AND MAINTAINING EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO COMBAT TERRORISM. NOT ONLY DOES TERRORISM POSE A SIGNIFICANT DANGER TO U.S. CITIZENS ABROAD, IT ALSO CONSTITUTES A REAL THREAT TO MAJOR U.S. POLICY OBJECTIVES: E.G. THE MIDEAST PEACE NEGOTIATIONS, STABILITY IN EUROPE AND LATIN AMERICA. ATTACKS ON DIPLOMATS AND OTHER OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES ARE OF SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE BECAUSE OF THEIR DIRECT IMPACT ON A GOVERNMENT'S CONDUCT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS. WE BELIEVE THAT THE IPP CONVENTION IS AN IMPORTANT AND USEFUL TOOL TO DETER SUCH ATTACKS AND SINCERELY HOPE THAT THE GON WILL ADD ITS SUPPORT TO THE CONVENTION.

5. STATISTICS SHOW THAT UNITED STATES OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN THE BRUNT OF MANY TERRORIST ATTACKS. SINCE 1968, TERRORISTS HAVE KILLED 20 U.S. OFFICIALS SERVING OVERSEAS, HAVE KIDNAPPED OVER 26, AND HAVE CARRIED OUT OVER 250 OTHER ASSAULTS AGAINST U.S. FACILITIES AND PRIVATE RESIDENCES. WORLDWIDE IN 1978, TERRORISTS CARRIED OUT OVER 35 ASSAULTS AGAINST FACILITIES AND 16 AGAINST DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL. KILLED WERE THE NICARAGUAN AMBASSADOR TO GUATEMALA, THE WIFE OF THE TURKISH AMBASSADOR TO MADRID, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE AFRICAN-ASIAN SOLIDARITY ORGANIZATION, YUSUF SIBAI, AND AN IRAQI EMBASSY OFFICIAL IN TRIPOLI. CHRISTOPHER
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